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### Gentlemen:

The attached data sheets describe the Strata transmitter and receiver units developed by Microwave Radio Communications for use by broadcasters. This information was requested following the June 18 meeting with Anthony Finizio, President of Microwave Radio Communications.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Krauss

## TXU

# STRATA

#### **FEATURES**

- Portable, Compact, and Lightweight
- Tripod or Rack Mountable (1 RU Half Width)
- Ideal for Motorcycle, Mobile, or Airborne Applications
- Integrates with STRATA Transmitter Control Unit (TCU) and STRATA High Power Unit (HPU)
- Bands from 2 to 15 GHz
- Standalone or Pre-Configured Models:
   TXU Basic RF Unit with 70MHz Input
   TXU–F Basic RF Unit with FMT Modulator
- Auto Sensing Input for RF, 70 MHz IF Input
- Local Control from Front Panel LCD using Single Rotary/Push Button Switch
- RS-232 Remote Control from Laptop or PC with Device Manager Software (DMS)
- Multiple Programmable Presets

The STRATA Transmitter Unit (TXU) is a versatile portable transmitter for taking direct input from the camera, or from an external data source. The TXU's advanced design autosenses input from RF or a 70 MHz IF input.

The TXU can function as a stand alone unit or as part of an integrated solution when used with the STRATA Transmitter Control Unit (TCU) and the STRATA High Power Unit (HPU).

STRATA offers several solutions for local and remote operation. For local control, use the Front Panel LCD and a single combination Push Button/Rotary Switch. For remote control of one or more units, plug into the RS-232 port from a Laptop or PC and use the Device Manager Software (DMS) .

The TXU's standard "N" type RF connector provides for cabled or direct mounted antennas. The optional Twist Lock Adapter mounts over the RF connector to accept a variety of MRC's Parabolic and MegaHorn antennas.



## TRANSMITTER UNIT







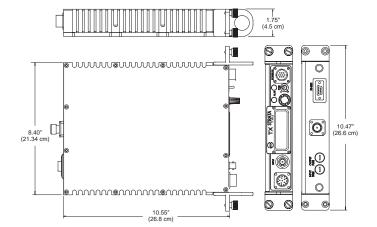
### TXU Specifications

ANALOG AUDIO & VIDEO MODULATOR



### TXU SPECIFICATIONS Signal inputs: ...... Composite Video, NTSC/PAL Signal inputs: Composite Video, NTSC/PAL Built in AGC/Cable Equalization circuitry and auto sense Signal outputs: 2-15 GHz, 50 ohm – Type N Output Power (2 GHz): 2 GHz - Analog +33 dbm, QPSK +31 dbm, 16QAM +30 dbm Audio Inputs: Four frequency agile audio subcarriers (4) channels, dual mono, dual stereo Power Consumption: 24 watts DC Input Voltage Range: +11 to +48 Vdc DC Input Voltage Range: ..... +11 to +48 Vdc agile by 2 KHz tuning step size FM deviation adjustment: 3 MHz and 4 MHz - peak (Local and remote serial control) Input video detection monitor:..... Serial monitor Video invert/non-invert:...... Jumper selectable Video mute - on/off: ...... Serial control - front panel 70 MHz IF output squelch: Serial control - front panel Video pre-emphasis (525/625/flat): Internal jumper selectable Audio pre-emphasis (50 us/75 us):...... Internal jumper selectable FRONT PANEL CONTROL Preset Selection: Video Bit Rate, Chroma/Profile, SDI or Composite, Channel Enable/Disable, Transport Stream Output Bit Rate, Test Pattern On/Off, Manual, Auto Audio Selection: Analog/Digital DEVICE MANAGER (DMS) (Control parameters in addition to front panel controls) Latency Setting, Service Name, Control/Monitor/ID ANTENNA OPTIONS OmniDirectional Antenna MegaHorn Parabolic Dish - 2ft Parabolic Dish – 4ft Twist Lock Adapter (Omnidirectional or Parabolic) CONNECTIONS, CONTROLS, AND INDICATORS Signal Input: TNC/BNC DC Power & RS-485 Remote: 8-Pin Circular Connector RS-232 Communication Port: ..... 9–Pin "D" Connector RF Output: "N" Type Connector All controls: Push/Rotary Switch LED Indicators: Power ON/OFF, Transmit (XMIT) ON/OFF Power Switch (On/Off): SPST Toggle Switch POWER REQUIREMENTS (Separate AC to DC Power Converter Available) Power connector: 8-Pin circular (Separate AC to DC power module available) DEVICE MANAGER REQUIREMENTS IBM PC Compatible with RS–232 serial port Windows 95 Operating System or Higher Dimensions (without mounting brackets) Operating Altitude: ..... 15,000 feet above sea level (13,500 meters) ACCESSORIES

Signal Outputs:
ASI, 70 MHz (-10 dbm Analog/Digital) Video Mute: 70 MHz test tone - auto FM Deviation (Selectable): Local and Remote serial control
Video Input:
Video Performance:       S/N:       (2/7 GHz) > 68 db (weighted per RS-250C)         S/H:       (2/7 GHz) > 63 db (weighted per RS-250C)         Diff. Phase:       1 degree         Diff. Gain:       1 %
Baseband Response:
Audio Channels:
Audio Performance: Frequency Response: (40 Hz - 15 KHz): +/- 1.0 db
(40 Hz - 10 KHz):
Signal/Noise:
Audio channel crosstalk:



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AC to DC Power Converter (100 to 230 Vac)

## TCU

# **STRATA**

#### **FEATURES**

- MPEG 4:2:2/4:2:0, COFDM, and FM Modulation
- COFDM Bandwith Selectable (6,7, and 8 MHz)
- Analog/Digital Switchable
- Auto detects Video, Composite, SDI, ASI,70 MHz IF
- Portable, Compact and Lightweight Design
- Tripod or Rack Mountable (1 RU Half Width)
- Ideal for Motorcycle, Mobile, or Airborne Applications
- Modular Design Supports Multiple Configurations:

TCU-M MPEG only

TCU-CM COFDM and MPEG

TCU-F FMT Modulator

TCU-CMF Switchable between COFDM/MPEG

and Analog FMT Modulator

- Local Control from Front Panel LCD using Single Rotary/Push Button Switch
- RS-232 Remote Control from Laptop or PC with Device Manager Software (DMS)
- Stores Multiple Preset Configurations

The STRATA Transmitter Control Unit (TCU) is a versatile portable solution providing both analog modulation and digital encoding for taking direct input from the camera, or from an external source.

The TCU comes in several configurations with single or combined features including FM Modulation, MPEG2 Encoding, MPEG with COFDM Modulation, or switchable between MPEG2/COFDM, and FM Modulation.

The TCU can function as a stand alone unit or as part of an integrated solution when used with the STRATA Transmitter Unit (TXU) and the STRATA High Power Unit (HPU).

STRATA offers several solutions local and remote operation. For local control, use the Front Panel LCD and a single combination Push Button/Rotary Switch. For remote control of one or more units, plug into the RS-232 port from a Laptop or PC and use STRATA Device Manager (SDM).



## TRANSMITTER CONTROL UNIT







### TCU Specifications



MPEG ENCODER SPECIFICATIONS Video Capability
Serial Digital Input (SDI): ANSI/SMPTE 259M Level C
270Mb/s, 525/625 component 2 Stereo Audio De-embedding provided AES/EBU Composite Video:
1 Vpp – NTSC or PAL – BNC Return Loss, Minimum 28dB at 6MHz
Chroma/Level (Selectable):4:2:2Profile @ Main Level
or 4:2:0 Main Profile @ Main Level Frame Size: Horizontal Res. 720pixels Vertical Res. 480 lines in 525 Line (NTSC) Vertical Res. 576 lines in 625 Line (PAL
Video Encoding Rate:
Latency (Selectable): Standard Mode: < 200 mS
Low Delay Mode: <100ms  VBI Processing: Extended Picture Mode (4:2:2)  Closed Caption: Support for line 21 (NTSC)  CC per EIA 608 standard
Audio Coding:
Supports AES/EBU audio inputs (2 pairs)
balanced inputs – 48 KHz sampling Audio Channels (selectable): Analog audio (2 stereo pairs),
balanced, 600 ohm/600 ohms High Z (selectable) Min. Audio Bit Rate:192 Kbits/channel, 384 Kbits –stereo Lower audio bit rates down to 128 Kbits selectable
Audio Input Levels:
Output Monitor Port (ASI, 70 MHz):
9600 baud, 19.2 Kbaud, 384 Kbaud BISS Supported: (Basic Interoperable Scrambling System)
Control Parameters: Video input – analog/digital selection, video bit rate, horizontal resolution, delay mode, chroma format, scrambling enable/disable, data channel enable/disable, transport stream output bit rate, test
pattern on/off, manual, auto Audio input – analog/digital
COFDM SPECIFICATIONS COFDM IF Output:
COFDM Level Output: ——10 dbm COFDM Bandwidth (Selectable): ——6 MHz, 7 MHz, 8 MHz COFDM Carriers: ——DVB-T specifications 2K Carriers Modulation Type: ——QPSK, 16QAM, 64QAM
FEC: 1/2, 2/3, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8 Guard Intervals (Selectable): 1/32, 1/16,1/8,1/4
70 MHz Carrier Insert Capability  CONTROLS AND INDICATORS
Signal Input:
Audio Input:
RF Output: "N" Type Connector
All controls: Push/Rotary Switch LED Indicators: Power ON/OFF, Transmit (XMIT) ON/OFF
Power Switch (ON/OFF):
Signal Outputs:
Auto Detects Signal Inputs:
FM Deviation (Selectable): Local and Remote serial control
Video Input:       1 Vpp (75 ohms) 525/625 line         Return Loss:       > 26 db         Plug in Video Filter Options:       4.2 MHz, 5.0 MHz, 5.5 MHz
Video Response: +/25 db @ or within video filter bandwidth
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	Video Performance:       S/N:
	Diff. Gain:
	Audio Channels: 4 Channel Analog Line level: +8 dbm ( 600 ohms) - circular conn.
	Subcarrier input tune range:
	Frequency Response d(40 Hz - 15 KHz): +/- 1.0 db (40 Hz - 10 KHz): +/- 0.5 db THD: 0.5 % @ 1 KHz (75 KHz deviation)
	2.0 % @ 1 KHz (200 KHz deviation)
	Signal/Noise:
	Audio channel crosstalk:
C	NTROLS Front Panel (LCD/Push Button/Rotary Switch)

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COFDM Preset Selection:

Video bit rate, chroma/profile, SDI or composite, audio channel enable/disable, transport stream output bit rate, Color Bar Test Pattern ON/OFF, manual, auto Audio Input:

Analog/Digital audio encoding ON/OFF (per channel)

Device Manager Software (DMS)

(Control parameters in addition to front panel controls) Latency setting, service name, Control/Monitor/ID Video input: Analog/digital selection, video bit rate, horizontal resolution, delay mode, chroma format, scrambling enable/disable, data channel enable/disable, transport stream output bit rate, Test Pattern ON/OFF

### DEVICE MANAGER SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

IBM PC Compatible with RS-232 serial port Windows 95 Operating System or Higher with JAVA 1.2

### **POWER REQUIREMENTS**

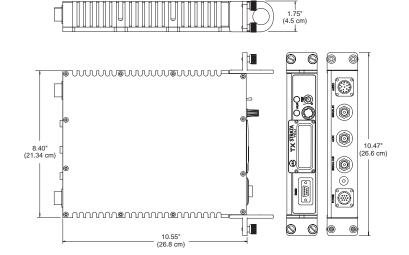
Input:	+10.5 to +48 Vdc	
·	(Separate AC to DC Power Converter Available)	
Power connector:	8-Pin circular	
Power consumption:		
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### **PHYSICAL**

Weight:	7.0 lbs (3.2 kg)
Operating Temperature Range:	
Operating Relative Humidity:	95% @+10° C to +40° C
Operating Altitude: 15,000 feet about	

### ACCESSORIES

AC to DC Power Converter (100 to 230 Vac Input)



## RXU

# STRATA

### **FEATURES**

- Portable, Compact, and Lightweight
- Tripod or Rack Mountable (1 RU Half Width)
- Mobile or Airborne Applications
- Integrates with STRATA Receiver Control Unit (RCU)
- Bands from 2 to 15 GHz
- Single or Dual band Pre-Configured Models: RXU – Basic Receiver with 70MHz Input RXU–F – With FM Video and Audio Demodulator
- Local Control from Front Panel LCD using Single -Rotary/Push Button Switch
- RS-232 Remote Control from Laptop using PC with Device Manager Software (DMS)
- Multiple Programmable Presets
- Full Compatibility with MRC CodeRunner 2 and REPORTER Wireless Transmitter

The STRATA Receiver Unit (RXU) is a compact, lightweight receiver for portable applications. Use the RXU as an end point receiver or as part of a multi-hop system for fixed, mobile, or airborne applications.

The RXU can function as a stand alone receiver or as part of an integrated solution when used with the STRATA Receiver Control Unit (RCU). In addition, the RXU is fully compatible with the MRC CodeRunner 2, or REPORTER, MRC's Wireless Camera Transmitter.

The STRATA RXU can be configured for direct IF Input or analog FM Demodulation featuring full NTSC/PAL compatibility with up to four audio channels.

For local control, use the Front Panel LCD and a single combination Push Button/Rotary Switch. For remote control, plug into the RS-232 port from a Laptop or PC and use the Device Manager Software (DMS). Further, you can save receiver settings as preset configurations to be recalled later.

The RXU's standard "N" type RF connector provides for cabled or direct mounted antennas. The optional Twist Lock Adapter mounts over the RF connector to accept a variety of MRC's Parabolic antennas.



RECEIVER UNIT









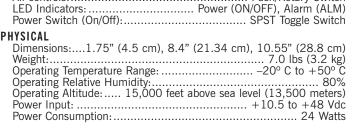
### RXU Specifications

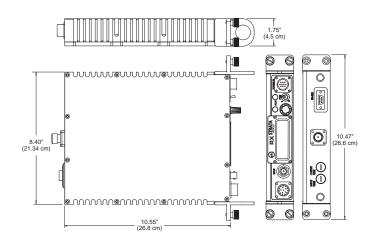
ANALOG AUDIO & VIDEO DEMODULATOR



RXU SPECIFICATIONS  Band Operation: Single/Dual Band 2 GHz/7 GHz (with BDC option) Input Frequency Bands:		
IF Output:		
3) 10 MHz SAW/20 MHz L/C 4) 18 MHz SAW/20 MHz L/C IF Linearity (IMR):		
FRONT PANEL CONTROLS Channel Frequency, Preset, Receive Carrier Level, IF Filter Select		
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DEVICE MANAGER SOFTWARE (DMS)		
(Requires RS-232 Port with JAVA V1.2) Channel Frequency, Preset, Subcarrier Frequency, IF Filter,		
Video Level, Audio Level, Squelch, Baseband/Composite Output,		
Receiver Carrier Level, Analog/Digital (when used with Digital TCU)		
FM Audio and Video: Output, Video/Baseband, Video Level, Audio Level, Subcarrier Tuning		
OPTIONS		
AC to DC Power Converter (100 to 230 Vac)		
Antennas Parabolic Dish (2/4 ft)		
MegaHorn		
MRC Central Receive Steerable and Sectorized Antennas Twist Lock Adapter (Omnidirectional or Parabolic)		
CONNECTIONS, CONTROLS, AND INDICATORS		
CONNECTIONS, CONTROLS, AND INDICATORS  RF Input: "N" Type Connector (50 ohm)		
Signal Output:		
RS-232 Communication Port: 9–Pin "D" Connector		
Audio Output:		
All controls:  Push/Rotary Switch		

Level Input: (0 dBm to -2 dBm) 0 dBm nominal
Impedance: at 75 ohms Composite Outputs: switched outputs – baseband/video
Video Output:
Return Loss:
Video Response: +/- 0.25 dB within video filter bandwidth
Video Performance (15 MHz L/C IF Filter):
Signal/Noise (2/7 GHz): >68 dB (weighted per RS-250C) Signal/Hum (2/7 GHz): >63 dB (weighted per RS-250C)
Differential Phase: 1 degree
Differential Gain: 1%
Chroma/Luminance Gain: 4% Chroma/Luminance Delay: +/- 20 nS
Chroma/Luminance Delay: +/- 20 nS Threshold (2 GHz):87 dBm @ 37 dB video S/N
Threshold (7 GHz): –86 dBm @ 37 dB video S/N
Field Tilt:
1 Vpp @ 4 MHz peak deviation - nominal
1 Vpp @ MHz peak deviation Baseband Response: 10 KHz to 8 MHz +0.5 dB
8 MHz to 12 MHz < 2dB
Audio Channels: Demodulation of 4 Independent Subcarriers
Subcarrier input tune range:
Audio Performance:
Frequency Response:
(40 Hz – 10 KHz): +/- 0.5 dB Threshold: 0.5 % @ 1 KHz (75 KHz deviation)
2.0 % @ 1 KHz (200KHz deviation)
Signal/Noise:
Output Level (adjust): +8 dBm – line level – nominal
(0 dBm to +18 dBm) – local/serial
Audio Channel Crosstalk:
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### **FEATURES**

- MPEG 4:2:2/4:2:0, COFDM, and FM Demodulation
- COFDM Bandwidth Selectable (6,7, and 8 MHz)
- Analog/Digital Switchable
- Portable, Compact and Lightweight Design
- Tripod or Rack Mountable (1 RU Half Width)
- Mobile or Airborne Applications
- Modular Design Supports Multiple Configurations:

RCU-F FM Demodulator RCU-M MPEG Decoder

RCU-CM COFDM and MPEG

RCU-CMF Switchable between COFDM/MPEG

- and Analog FM Demodulator
  Local Control from Front Panel LCD using Single Rotary/Push Button Switch
- RS-232 Remote Control from Laptop or PC with Device Manager Software (DMS)
- Stores Multiple Preset Configurations

The STRATA Receiver Control Unit (RCU) is a versatile portable solution providing both analog or COFDM demodulation and digital decoding. The RCU can function as a stand alone unit or as part of an integrated solution with the STRATA Receiver Unit (RXU).

The RCU comes in several configurations with single or combined features including FM Demodulation, MPEG Decoding, MPEG Decoding with COFDM Demodulation, or switchable between MPEG/COFDM and FM Demodulation.

STRATA offers several solutions for local and remote control operation. For local control, use the Front Panel LCD and a single combination Push Button/Rotary Switch. For remote control, plug into the RS-232 port from a Laptop or PC and use the Device Manager Software (DMS).



## RECEIVER CONTROL UNIT







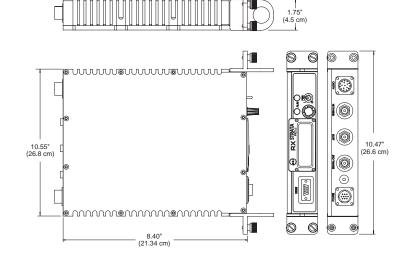


## RCU Specifications



CONNECTORS, CONTROLS AND INDICATORS
Signal Input:
Monitor: TNC/BNC DC Power & RS-485 Remote: 8-pin circular connector
All controls: Push/Rotary Switch LED Indicators: Power ON/OFF, Transmit (XMIT) ON/OFF
LED Indicators:
RS-232 Communication Port: 9–Pin "D" Connector
CONTROLS
Front Panel (LCD/Push Button/Rotary Switch) Channel Frequency, Preset, Analog/Digital Mode, Subcarrier Frequency Select, IF Filter Select, Video Level Adjust, Audio Level Adjust, Squelch Adjust, Baseband or Composite Output Select Device Manager Software (DMS)
(Control parameters in addition to front panel controls) Bandwidth, COFDM Lock, Pre-Viterbi, Bit Error Rate (BER), Channel Signal-to-Noise Ratio
POWER REQUIREMENTS
Input:
Power consumption:
DEVICE MANAGER REQUIREMENTS IBM PC Compatible with RS–232 serial port Windows 95 Operating System or higher with JAVA V1.2
PHYSICAL
Weight:
Operating Temperature Range:
ACCESSORIES
AC to DC Power Converter (100 to 230 Vac Input)
ANALOG AUDIO O VIDEO DEMODULATOD
ANALOG AUDIO & VIDEO DEMODULATOR  Level Input:
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CODFM DEMODULATION  IF Input:
MPEG DECODER           Video Decoding:         Auto Detect Decoding           Chroma Profile:         4:2:2/4:2:0           Line Standard:         526/625           GOP Structures         Variable GOF           Horizonal Resolution:         720, 704, 544, 352 Selectable           Vertical Resolution:         576 (625 line), 480 (525 line)           Bit rates:         4:2:0 - 1.5 Mbits - 15 Mbits           Audio Decoding:         Auto detect decoding           Type:         MPEG I laye           Bit Rates:         32 to 448 Kbits/s           Sampling:         32 KHz and 48 KHz           Composite Video Output:         NTSC(w/wo pedestal)/PAL



Receiver Control Unit (RCU) Dimensions





## HIGH POWER UNIT

### **FEATURES**

- Portable, Compact, and Rugged Design
- Integrates with STRATA Transmitter Unit (TXU) and STRATA Transmitter Control Unit (TCU)
- Single Cable Connection to the Transmitter Unit (TXU)
- Models for Outside Broadcast or ENG Applications
- Tripod and Rack Mount with Integrated STRATA Units
- Separate HPU from TXU from up to 100 feet for Mast or Pole Mount.

The STRATA High Power Unit (HPU) provides additional power output for the STRATA Transmitter Unit (TXU). The HPU connects to the TXU through a single cable carrying RF, power, and control data

The HPU is offered in two models. The HPU-OB model can be mounted as part of an integrated stack with the STRATA Transmitter Unit (TXU) and STRATA Transmitter Control Unit (TCU). For ENG applications that require separation of the HPU from the TXU, the HPU-ENG model is equipped with a built in AGC circuit that allows separation of up to 100 feet.

The HPU's standard "N" type RF connector provides for cabled or direct mounted antennas. The optional Twist Lock Adapter mounts over the RF connector to accept a variety of MRC's Parabolic or MegaHorn antennas.







## **HPU Specifications**



### **MODELS**

HPU-OB DC Input Range+11 Vdc to +48 Vdc through Type N RF input (rear)		
Control Input: RF connector via RS 485 connector on TXU		
HPU-ENG (Includes RF AGC Circuit)  DC Input Range		
Control Input:RF connector via RS 485 connector on TXU		
OUTPUT POWER		
1.9 to 2.7 GHzSaturated Power Output (Analog Mode)+41 dBmPower Output (QPSK Mode)+37 dBmPower Output (16QAM Mode)+36 dBm		
6.4 to 7.1 GHz Saturated Power Output (Analog Mode) +36 dBm Power Output (QPSK Mode) +34 dBm Power Output (16QAM Mode) +32 dBm		

### ANTENNA OPTIONS

Omni-Directional Antenna

MegaHorn

Parabolic Dish – 2ft/4ft

Twist Lock Antenna Mount (MegaHorn or Parabolic)

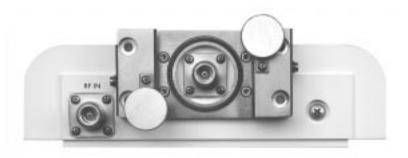
RF Output..... "N" Type Connector

### **PHYSICAL**

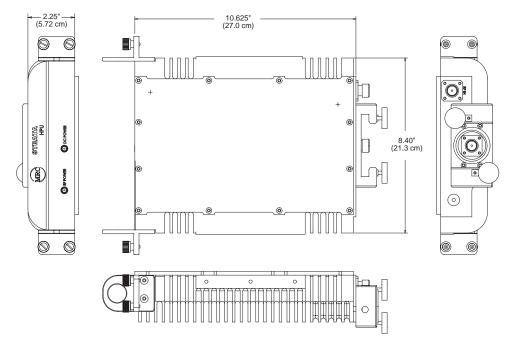
nsions (without mounting brackets)

Diffiensions (without mounting brace	
_	10.5" (L) x 8.5 " (W) x 2.5 " (H)
Weight	9.6 lbs.
Operating Temperature Range	–20° C to +50° C
Operating Relative Humidity	95% @+10° C to +40° C
Operating Altitude 15,000 feet	above sea level (13,500 meters)

(For other frequency bands, contact MRC)



High Power Unit with Twist Lock Antenna Mount



HIGH POWER UNIT (HPU) DIMENSIONS